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CLERK: Roll call vote. 26 ayes. 14 nays. 9 not voting. Vote appears on page 1217 of Legislative Journal. Motion on the desk. I move that the Clerk of the Legislature be instructed to request to the Governor the return of LB 752 to the legislature.

PRESIDENT: That's the same motion? Alright. Are you ready for the question? Oh. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: I wish to inquire, sub-Chairman of Education, if I remember correctly, 752, was that appropriation for special Ed? Is my memory correct? If that is correct then, Mr. President, I would suggest in this case this bill not be brought back. I voted to bring the other one back. It was an expansion of a new program. This is not an expansion of a new program. We've gone through this argument for the last three years. I don't believe that the question of priority for this even exists. It does have a high priority and it ought to be allowed to remain. I would hope the body would reject the idea of bring this one back.

PRESIDENT: Would you clear the board please, Mr. Clerk? Senator Lewis.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, this is a bill that includes the half million dollar deficiency appropriation previously owed to local school districts from one end of the state to the other. I think that would be foolhardy to bring the bill back. There are a number of other things I could say but if the amendment passes I would suggest that you include some additional wording like pretty please on bended knee, we ask that you bring the bill back.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Well Mr. President, the way Senator Carsten presented the issues to us, I voted on the last bill on the basis that we were going to vote to bring back all the "A" bills and I hate to differentiate now after we have agreed to bring the one back. I think we made that decision and now we bring them all back otherwise it's kind of unfair to the introducers of 454. I think we have to be consistent in this. We worked out a game plan whereby we were going to hold all "A" bills, all appropriation bills. When they are put together and we know where we are and we look at the total package and want to send the total package across, we'll do it because we will know exactly where we are and to pull one back and not pull the other back I think is totally inconsistent and I think it's unfair to the introducer of 454 if we don't follow through on that logic.

PRESIDENT: Senator Anderson.

SENATOR ANDERSON: Mr. President, members of the legislature, I think that this particular bill deals with the special obligation that the members of the legislature and the Governor of the State of Nebraska have already incurred in their passage and approval of LB 403. I think we made a promise. I think we are trying to make good on that promise and I don't think that relates at all to the judgements, the priority judgements, that are going to be made on new appropriations for this year. So I think it would be totally inappropriate to bring this bill back and I suggest that we leave it is where it is right now.